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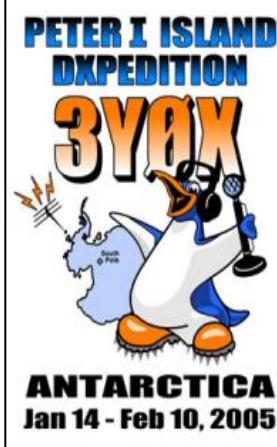
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WARMEST THOUGHTS
AND BEST WISHES
FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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DX INFORMATION

3D2 - Jim, K6JAT and Lilah, KE6EHD will operate as 3D2TJ and 3D2EG from Matagi (OC-016), Fiji Islands on 1-7 January. QSL via home calls. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

3W - JA7GAX is going to operate as 3W2GAX from Vietnam on 7-28 December. He will be based in Ho Chi Minh, but he will be active also from a couple of IOTA islands as follows: 07/12 Ho Chi Minh 3W2GAX 09/12 Con Son 3W2GAX/C (AS-130) 16/12 Ho Chi Minh 3W2GAX 19/12 Phu Quoc 3W2GAX/4 or 3W2GAX/P (AS-128) 27/12 Ho Chi Minh 3W2GAX. He will be leaving the country on 29 December. QSL direct to JA7GAX. [TNX The Daily DX]

3W - Nag, JA7GAX [425DXN 709] has been unable to get a licence and has cancelled his planned IOTA activities from AS-130 and AS-128. [TNX The Daily DX]

4X - Jan/4X1VF, Ilya/4Z1UF, Shalom/4Z4BS, Mark/4Z4KX, Ruslan/4Z5LA and Yuli/4X6HP will operate as 4X0MS from the historical site of Masada (www.bibleplaces.com/masada.htm) from 10 UTC on 24 December through 10 UTC on the 26th. They will have two stations active on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via 4Z4BS. [TNX 4X1VF]



Masada

5T - Phil/G3SWH, Jim/G3RTE, Jean/ON8RA and Adriano/ON5GA will be active as 5TOCW from Nuachachott, Mauritania between 24 February and 4 March. They will operate CW only on all bands 160 to 10 metres and, propagation permitting, they plan to have at least one station on the air on a 24 hours a day basis. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk). [TNX G3SWH]

6O - Joe, VA6JWT is now active as 6O0JT [425DXN 703] from Galkayo, in the Puntland autonomous area of Somalia. He should be there for six months at least. QSL cards should be sent to Joe Talbot, VE6 Incoming Bureau, Box 1515, Gibbons, Alberta T0A 1N0, Canada. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q - Paolo, IK2QPR will operate as 8Q7PR from Dunikolhu, Maldives (AS-013) on 9-17 January. He will be active on 10-40 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home call (Paolo Fava, Via Bertani 8, 46100 Mantova - MN, Italy). [TNX IK2QPR]

9L - Massimo, 9L1MS reports he will operate again as 9L1MS/p from Banana (AF-037) on 5 December.

A6 - Mohammed, A61AV and Ghis, ON5NT expect to operate as A61AV/p from Sirat Al Khawr (AS-124) until around 12 UTC on 4 December. QSL via ON5NT (Ghis Penny, P.O. Box 93, BE-9700 Oudenaarde, Belgium). [TNX ON5NT]

A6 - Look for A61Q/p to be aired from Al Siniyah Island (AS-021) on 17-20 December. Abdullah/A61Q, Mohammed/A61AV and Alex/RV6LNA will arrive in the local afternoon of the 17th, and will be joined by

Ghis/ON5NT the day after. They will stay on the island until around 16.00 local time on the 20th (A6 time is GMT +4). Plans are to operate SSB and CW mainly on 21260, 14260, 7060, 21040, 14040, +/- 10103 and +/- 7003 kHz. QSL via ON5NT (Ghis Penny, P.O. Box 93, BE-9700 Oudenaarde, Belgium). Please note that cards for A61Q from his home QTH still go via EA7FTR. [TNX ON5NT]

CU - Ulf, DL5AXX will be active from Faial Island (CU7, EU-175), Azores from 27 December to 3 January. It will be a family vacation and Ulf plans to operate CW running 100 watts into a vertical antenna. [TNX DL5AXX]

CX - CX2ABC, CX5BW, WQ4O, EA5KM and EA5RM will operate as CW5R from Lobos Island (SA-039) and lighthouse (ARLHS URU-002) between 5 and 11 January, depending on weather conditions. Plans are to operate on all modes and bands, with dipoles for the low bands and monobanders for the other HF bands. The QSL route will be announced later. On line logs will be available after the operation at <http://webs.ono.com/cw5r>; comments can be sent to cw5r@ea5ke.ampr.org [TNX EA5RM]



Lobos Island (SA-039)

DL - Tom, DL1DVE will be active on or around 7065, 14265 and 21265 kHz from various lighthouses around Kiel and on Fehmarn Island (EU-128) between 27 and 30 December. QSL via bureau or direct. Daily updates will be posted at <http://dl1dve.dk0kc.de> [TNX DF2CK]

DU - The Daily DX reports that Klaus, DL5ZAH is active as 4F7RWW from OC-129 for the next two weeks.

EA - Operators from EA1URG (Union de Radioaficionados de Gijon, <http://www.ure.es/ea1urg>) plan to operate on all bands and modes as ED1PFA from the lighthouse at Cabo de Penas (ARLHS SPA-037) on 18-19 December. QSL via bureau to EA1URG. [TNX EA1KI]

EA8 - EA8/EA2CAR and EA8/EA2BXV will be active from Lanzarote (DIE S-007), Canary Islands (AF-004) on 5-12 December. They will operate CW, SSB and PSK31 on the HF bands. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau. [TNX EA1BP]

F - Special event station TM7VM will be active until 30 December to celebrate the opening of the Millau Viaduct (<http://www.viaducdemillauiffage.com/>), the highest one in the world. QSL via F5UJZ. [TNX F5NQL]

FG - The A.C.R.A. Guadeloupe ARC (<http://site.voila.fr/acra-radioclub>) will operate from the lighthouse on La Desirade (NA-102, DIFO FG-004) on 18 December. Requested call is TO7DSR.

FT5W - Nicolas, F4EGX and Jean-Paul, F5BU (FT5WG) [425DXN 701] now expect to arrive on Possession Island (DIFO FT-009), Crozet Islands (AF-008) around 5 February. They plan to be active in their spare time starting around 12 February until the end of March. Nicolas (<http://F4EGX.free.fr>) will operate on 6m, 2m and 70cm FM QRP (QSL via F6APU), while Jean-Paul will operate SSB, mainly on 14278 kHz (QSL via F5BU). [TNX F5NQL]

HA - Tibor, HG4I will be using special "Happy New Year 2005" callsign HG05HNY between 10 December and 31

January. Activity will be on all bands and modes, and he will also take part in various HF contests. QSL direct to HG4I (Szabo Tibor, Budai u. 6., H-2465 Ráckeresztur, Hungary). [TNX HG4I]

I - Sergio/IK4JPR, Giuseppe/IZ4CCO and Vanni/IK4RUX have been granted permission to operate as IP1TI from Tino Island (EU-083, IIA SP-002) and lighthouse (WAIL LI-009) on 3, 4 and 5 December. Operating times are limited between 8.30 and 16.30; expect activity on 10-40 metres CW and SSB. QSL via IK4JPR. [TNX IK4RUX]

I - ARI Lecce and Salento DX Club members will operate as IQ7AF on 17-18 December during the Italian Telethon for research against genetic diseases. QSL via bureau. [TNX IK7JWX]

I - IT9SSI, IZ8CCW, IZ8CGS and IZ8FWN will operate as IO9TA from Isola Lunga (EU-166, IIA TP-021, MIA MI-055) on 7-9 January. They plan to have two stations and to operate on all bands SSB and CW. QSL via IT9SSI, direct (P.O. Box 27, 98071 Capo d'Orlando - ME, Italy) or bureau. [TNX IZ8CCW]

J2 - Yves, F5PRU is active as J20FH (Juliet Twenty Fox Hotel) from Djibouti for the next four months. He operates in his spare time on 10-80 metres CW, SSB and maybe digital modes. QSL via F5PRU, preferably through the bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

JA - Look for Take, JI3DST to be active as JI3DST/J56 from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 29 December to 5 January. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

JA - Yoshiro Nishimura, JA1AMP will be active as JA1AMP/6 from Irabu Island (Miyako Islands, AS-079) on 8-10 January. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB and RTTY on 40-6 metres. QSL via JA1AMP (bureau) or JL3SIK (direct). [TNX JA1AMP]

JA - Look for JL2LRO/6 and JK2HVD/6 to operate from Miyako Island (AS-079, JIIA AS-079-005 on 11-13 December. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Special event station 8J1ODA will be activated on all bands and modes from 9 December to 31 March to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Japan's Official Development Assistance. QSL via JA1BAB. [TNX the Daily DX]

JA - Look for JN4MBO/5, JA5BEX/5 and JFOBPT/5 to operate from the islands of Wasa, Nabe, Koyo and Yoshi (new ones for the JIIA award) on 23-26 December. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

KC4_ant - Brent, KD4VMM/KC4 is currently active from Palmer Station (K-10 for the Antarctica Award) on Anvers Island (AN-012), Antarctica. QSL via home call.



KP2 - John, KL7JR has been active on most HF bands as KP2/KL7JR from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) since late October, and will remain there through the end

of April 2005. QSL direct to home call. [TNX KL7JR]

KP2 - Ann, W2AZK and Brian, KF2HC will sign homecall/KP2 from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 7-14 January. Look for them on 160-6 metres SSB and CW with special emphasis on the WARC bands as conditions permit. QSL to their home calls direct or via the bureau. [TNX KF2HC]

KP2 - John, G4RCG and Bruce, KI7VR will operate as KP2/G4RCG and KP2/KI7VR from St. Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-106) from 21 January to 6 February. John will participate in the CQ 160 CW Contest as KP2ZZ. QSL for all calls via G4OOC, direct or via bureau. [TNX G4RCG]

LU - LU2FA, LW7DX, LW9DA and LU5FF will participate in the ARRL 10m Contest (10-11 December) as LR2F. QSL via LU2FA. Complete rules for this popular event can be found at <http://www.contesting.info/> or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/>

LZ_ssh - Jordan "Danny" Yankov, LZ2UU (VP8/LZ2UU) is once again stationed at the Bulgarian base St. Kliment Ohridski (LZ-02 for the Antarctica Award) on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). Danny has served as radio engineer for the past eleven Antarctic seasons, and this year he is also the base commander. QSL via home call (Jordan Radkov Yankov, P.O. Box 196, 7200 Razgrad, Bulgaria). [TNX IZ8CCW]

OH - Santa Claus Land (OH9SCL) will be again active on all bands and modes from the Arctic Circle between 17 and 19 December. The operators will be N7NG, OH2BH, OH3BHL, OH9KL, OH9MDV, OH9MM, OH9RJ and OH9VC. QSL via OH9UV. [TNX OH9MM]

OK_ssh - Jarda, OK1FOW is currently active as OLOANT from the small Eco Base (<http://www.antarctica.cz>) of the Czech Republic (OK-01 for the Antarctica Award) located on the northern side of Nelson Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). He expects to remain there until 10 January and to operate with a battery powered transceiver, a vertical antenna for 20, 15 and 10 metres and a dipole for the low bands. QSL via OK1FOW. [TNX OK1FOW]



The Eco Nelson base (OK-01)

ON - Belgian amateur radio operators are allowed to use the OO (Oscar Oscar) special prefix from 1 January through 31 December 2005 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the independence of Belgium. A commemorative award, available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs, will be issued by UBA (<http://www.uba.be/>) for contacts made with OO stations. For further information please contact Egbert Hertsen, ON4CAS (UBA Award Manager, egbert.hertsen@pandora.be). [TNX ON4CAS]

OZ - Jakob, OZ7AEI (<http://oz7aei.grz.dk>) plans to operate on 20 and 40 metres from the four lighthouses of Thyborøn (ARLHS DEN-083, DEN-188, DEN-189, DEN-222) on 4 December starting around 8 UTC. Later on the will move to Nordjylland Island (EU-171, NJ-001) and activate the two lighthouses of Agger Tange (DEN-190, DEN-191). [TNX OZ7AEI]

OZ - Jakob, OZ7AEI plans to operate from the lighthouses of Hvide Sande (ARLHS DEN-087, DEN-197, DEN-198 and DEN-199) on 23 December, between around 8 UTC on 20 metres (later on 40m) an 13 UTC. Pictures of all the lighthouses activated by Jakob can be found in the Photo Gallery at <http://oz7aei.grz.dk> [TNX OZ7AEI]

P4 - Joseph, P4/WF9V (special call P40ZZ); David, P4/K9UK; David, P4/WG9J; Thomas, P4/W9AEB (special call P40TP) and William, P4/WW9WW will operate from Aruba (SA-036) on 10-16 December. They will be active on 160-6 metres CW and SSB, with emphasis on the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL for all via WF9V. [TNX W9AEB]

PA - Six special calls will be aired from The Netherlands during the last two weeks of 2004 to celebrate the final weeks of the Dutch presidency of the European Union. Look for PA6EU from Amsterdam, PB6EU from The Hague and Scheveningen, PC6EU from Rotterdam, PE6EU from Valkenburg-Maastricht, PF6EU from Groningen and PG6UE from Noordwijk. QSL via PA7DA. [TNX PA7DA and The Golist]

PJ4 - Fred, WW4LL and John, K4BAI will be active as PJ4/WW4LL and PJ4/K4BAI from Bonaire (SA-006) on 8-15 December. They will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (11-12 December) as PJ4Z. All QSLs via K4BAI. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ4 - Rick, NE8Z will operate as PJ4/NE8Z from Bonaire (SA-006), Netherlands Antilles on 4-13 February. He will operate CW and SSB mostly on the WARC bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call (Rick Dorsch, P.O. Box 616, Hamburg, MI 48139, USA). [TNX NE8Z]

S2 - Manjurul, S21AM and Dave, EI3IO (<http://EI3IO.com>) will operate from Char Dakhin Shahbazpur (Bhola Island, AS-140) on 4-7 February. A special call sign is being sought from the licensing authority. Two 100 watt CW/SSB MF/HF stations will be operational and activity on all bands is planned, subject to antenna availability. A 30m communications tower is on-site and half slopers are being considered for 160 metres and 80/30 metres. QSL via EI3IO direct (Dave Court, 'Connogue', River Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin, Ireland) or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX EI3IO]

SM - John, SM7CRW/8S7A will operate as SF50A from 1 January through 31 December 2005 to celebrate his 50th year as an amateur radio operator. QSL via W3HNK. [TNX W3HNK]

SP - Robert, SQ9FMU will operate as SQ75FMU on 1-20 January and again from 15 February to 15 March to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK). QSL via SQ9FMU, direct (Robert Prorok, P.O. Box 113, 41-800 Zabrze, Poland) or bureau. [TNX SQ9FMU]

SP - George, SP2PI (<http://republika.pl/sp2pi/spqsl.htm>) will operate on 10-80 metres CW and SSB as HF2IARU from 25 January to 6 March. Look also for activity as HF70PRT (celebrating the 70th anniversary of Torun Broadcasting Station) and HF2PZK (celebrating the 75th anniversary of PZK). QSL for all via SP2PI (Jerzy H. Wojniusz, Matejki 56/39, 87-100 Torun, Poland). [TNX SP2PI]

SP_ssh - Voytek, SP5QF, who was active as HF0QF (QSL via SP7IWA), is now back at home. The new operator at the Polish Antarctic base Henryk Arctowski (SP-01 for the Antarctica Award) on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) is Marek, SP3GVX, who is expected to operate as HF0POL through November 2005. QSL via SP3WVL (Tomasz Lipinski, skr. poczt. 78, 69-100 Slubice, Poland). [TNX IZ8CCW]

SV - The Thessaloniki Amateur Radio Group will be active as SX2LH from the Lighthouse of Megalou Emvolou (ARLHS GRE-096) from 6 UTC on 10 December until 18 UTC on the 11th. QSL via SV2AYT. [TNX VA3RJ]

T32 - Alan, K6SRZ and Doug, N6TQS will operate on 10-80 metres as T32CK and T32QS from Christmas Island (OC-024) on 7-13 December. QSL direct via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

TK - TK5EP and TK5MH will participate in the ARRL 10M Contest as TK5KP (SSB and CW) from Corsica. QSL via TK5KP. [TNX TK5MH]

V4 - Larry, KJ4UY (V47UY) expects to operate on 160-6 metres from St. Kitts and Nevis (NA-104) between 23 December and 2 January. [TNX KJ4UY]

W - The Historical Electronics Museum ARC (<http://www.qsl.net/w3hem/>) will commemorate Pearl Harbor Day on 4-7 December using the call sign W2W. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - Look for W5TLH to be active on 20 and 40 metres SSB from several lighthouses on three IOTA NA-092 islands (namely San Jose, Matagorda and Mustang) between 27 December and 2 January. QSL via W5LTH (qrz.com). [TNX VA3RJ]

W - K6KPH will be on the air (3545, 7050, 14050 and 21050 kHz) for the Straight Key Night (www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/skn.html) this New Year's Eve. K6KPH uses the original transmitters, receivers and antennas of famous ex-RCA coast station KPH. QSLs and reception reports should be sent to Ms. Denice A. Stoops, P.O. Box 381, Bolinas CA 94924-0381, USA. Further information on K6KPH can be found at <http://www.radiomarine.org> [TNX DL8AAM and W6AWO]



QSL via XF3RCC.

XE - The ARRL DX Bulletin reports that members of the Radio Club Cancun are active (on 80-10 metres SSB, RTTY and Satellite) as XF3CC from Holbox Island (NA-045) until 19 December.

XE - Yuri/XE1UN, Alberto/XE1NK and Ramon/XE1KK will operate as XF3T from Tamalcab Island, in the rare Quintana Roo State South group (NA-200) between 18 UTC on 21 December and 00.00 UTC on the 24th. They expect to be active with two stations on 10-40 metres SSB, CW and PSK31 during the local daylight hours only. QSL via N1NK. [TNX XE1KK]

YA - Rene, DL2JRM will be active again as YA7X from Afghanistan from 7 December to 5 January. QSL via DL1JJI.

ZB - DL4WK, DL7UFR and DL7VEE will operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY as ZB2/homecall from Gibraltar from 29 December until 4 January in the morning. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZK1 - Look for ZK1SDE, ZK1SDZ, ZK1WET and ZK1XMY to operate from the Cook Islands as follows:
31 Jan - 17 Feb Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cook Islands 17-24 Feb Manihiki Atoll (OC-014), North Cook Islands 24 Feb - 3 Mar Aitutaki Island (OC-083), South Cook Islands They plan to active on 10-160 metres and to concentrate on 17 and 20 metres; main mode will be SSB, but ZK1WET will operate CW and RTTY (CQWW RTTY WPX Contest included). QSL for all direct only via M3SDE. [TNX SM6WET]



Manihiki (OC-014)

ZK1 - Tim, M3SDE (ZK1SDE) sends an update on the 31 January-3 March activities from the Cook Islands [425DXN 709]. ZK1SDE, ZK1SDZ, ZK1WET and ZK1XMY will operate from Aitutaki (OC-083, South Cooks) on 31/01-17/02 and again on 25/02-03/03. On 17-24 February ZK1SDE and ZK1SDZ will go on a side trip to Manihiki (OC-014, North Cooks), while ZK1WET and ZK1XMY will remain on Aitutaki. QSL direct to M3SDE (Tim Beaumont, P.O. Box 17, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1SF, England). Logs and updates will be available on <http://www.zk1sde.co.uk/>



Tim, M3SDE (ZK1SDE)

PACIFIC TOUR - Aki, JA1KAJ reports he will operate (on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and SSTV) as YJ0AKA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 27 December to 2 January. On 4-9 January he will be active from New Caledonia (OC-032), callsign not known so far.

VU4RBI & VU4NRO • ANDAMAN ISLANDS

(Pictures from [Http://tourism.andaman.nic.in/islands.htm](http://tourism.andaman.nic.in/islands.htm))



From 425 DX News #709 (4 December 2004) • The team at Port Blair, Andaman Island (AS-001) [425DXN 708] became active as VU4RBI around 18.30 UTC on 2 December (which is 00.00 of 3 December India Standard Time, their permitted start date). The other callsign is VU4NRO, and the QSL route for both is via VU2NRO (National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082, India). Charly, K4VUD has advised the operators to "get on 20 metres and stay there to service those who need VU4 for the first time", while the second station "will roam other bands as propagation permits". Charly thinks that Bharathi, VU2RBI will also do CW, "but other modes are not likely at this time". Donations are still welcome and can be sent to NIAR or to K4VUD (Charles Harpole,

3100 N. Hwy. 426, Geneva, FL 32732, USA). The web pages for the expedition can be found at <http://www.niar.org> and the contact e-mail address for this DXpedition is niarvu4@gmail.com.

From 425 DX News #710 (11 December 2004) • The five operators at Port Blair, Andaman (VU4NRO and VU4RBI) have different stations on the air simultaneously. Reports indicate that they have one beam installed without rotor. Some pirate CW activity was reported during the very first days; the genuine VU4RBI operated on 15m CW for about one hour on 8 December. Activity is expected to continue through 31 December. Charles Harpole, K4VUD/HS0ZCW is currently in Thailand and expects to arrive at Port Blair, Andaman Island on 14 December for a two-week visit. He says he "will carry all advice on operating practices and propagation openings to the team". He adds that he will be "travelling to Andaman Islands as a tourist to photograph and video the VU4 DXpedition. As a non-India citizen, I do not have an operating permit for that location. I do hold a one-year India license, VU3CHE, but it is licensed for operations in New Delhi only". Bookmark <http://www.niar.org/vnews.html> (niarvu4@gmail.com) for official information.

From 425 DX News #712 (25 December 2004) • The team at Port Blair, Andaman Island has now passed the 30,000 QSO mark, and has been active on SSB, CW, SSTV, RTTY, and PSK on all bands from 160 through 6 metres. VU4RBI is the call used by Bharathi (VU2RBI), while the other team members are jointly using VU4NRO. Three stations are active from three different locations (the hotel, a local college and the Port Blair Science Center, where the public can watch the amateur radio action). They have a 7-element tribander at 60 ft above the hotel roof, inverted Vees everywhere, 80m dipole, SteppIR at 15 feet above the Science Center roof and a WARC Cushcraft yagi installed at the college. The first and main goal is to give "that first new one" to as many operators as possible, however 40 and 80 metres are now getting more attention. The operation is due to finish on 31 December. Charles Harpole, K4VUD/VU3CHE, who is visiting the operators in Port Blair, says that he will explain LoTW to the team. At the moment the logs are being handwritten on paper, then a SWL volunteer types them into a computer (but the paper logs will be kept to solve any questions that may come up as QSL requests come in). As for QSLing, Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY (the Chairman and Director of NIAR, who is also visiting the DXpedition team) confirms that the NIAR



(<http://www.niar.org>) address (National Institute of Amateur Radio, Rajbhavan Road, Hyderabad-500 082, Andhra Pradesh, India) is all right, but it is advisable not to include cash. According to K4VUD, plans are still in the making to have also alternative routes, but there's nothing definite at this time. Donations are still possible through the NIAR or K4VUD himself (Charles Harpole, 3100 N. Hwy. 426, Geneva, FL 32732, USA). [TNXK4VUD]

3Y0X • PETER I

The 3Y0X team members [425DXN 696] are scheduled to depart Punta Arenas on 14 January. The activity from Peter I Island is expected to take place between 21 January and 4 February, depending on weather.

Nine stations will be active on the following frequencies:

CW 1822.5, 3523, 7023, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023
SSB 1842.5, 3750, 7073, 14190, 18165, 21295, 24987, 28475
Digital 10148, 14088, 18105, 21100, 24949, 28092

These frequencies have been chosen to allow the team to occasionally activate as many as three stations on one band at the same time, in order to take full advantage of openings.

There will be four pilot stations, namely

Don Greenbaum, N1DG don@goldtel.net
for North & South America
Klaus Wagner, DL1XX dl1xx@gmx.net
for Europe, Africa & Middle East
Toshi Kusano, JA1ELY ja1ely@bb.mbn.or.jp
for Pacific Rim & Asia
Lee Jennings, ZL2AL leejen@paradise.net.nz
for Australia & New Zealand.



Peter I Island (AN-004)

QSL via K4YL (Mike Grose, P.O. Box 183, Flat Rock, NC 28731-0183, USA). For further information on the DXpedition, and how to contribute to its success, please visit www.peterone.com (where online logs, daily updates and pictures from the team on the island will be available in due course).

Here is a short statement that "Chief Pilot" Don Greenbaum, N1DG has prepared for our readers.

Being the pilot for the 3Y0X dxpedition to Peter I is very exciting. It is near the top of the needed list so I and the other three pilots will do everything possible to make sure everyone can get in the log.

There are four pilots. I will take care of the Americas while Klaus/DL1XX will take care of Europe, Middle East and Africa, Toshi/ JA1ELY will take care of the Pacific Rim and Asia and Lee/ZL1AL will take care of New Zealand/Australia.

People wanting to work 3Y0X should use the website (www.peterone.com) to obtain important information such as the team frequencies, great circle charts and updated news regarding openings and changes in operations. I will also issue daily press releases to inform the DX Community of events on the island. After Day 2 we will also post logs for checking and current pictures off the island.

The purpose of a DXpedition's pilots is to ensure smooth, timely, responsive, two-way communication between the DXpedition team and those trying to make that all important contact.

We will be relying on a non-amateur channel, the Iridium sat phone for internet e-mail to the island. Pactor to ZL2UT will serve as our backup to the island.

The type of information useful to the team includes:

- The suitability of chosen transmit and receive frequencies with respect to recurrent QRM and local licensing rules
- Optimal timing for each part of the world on each band
- Antenna improvements when operating with 2 rigs on a band... we need signal comparisons as we will likely be using SVDAs and 2el Yagis
- Unusual openings or LP observations
- Congratulations and bouquets - a valuable morale booster for the DXpedition team when conditions are poor or when sleep deficits are beginning to accumulate.

Bear in mind, it is not the role of pilots to make schedules for individual stations.

Good luck to all wishing to work 3Y0X and Happy New Year.

Don, N1DG

GOOD TO KNOW

AA SOFTWARE • Gabriele Antonelli (I5-1990) is the author of the Antarctica Award software, which is downloadable for free from

<http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/download.asp>. The professionally made AA software is a log program for contacts made with Antarctic stations: it interacts with the AA Directory (it gives also the DXCC Entry and the IOTA Reference Number for each base) and makes the participation in the Antarctica Award easier. [TNX I5-1990]

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY • The Antarctica Activity 2004 listing includes callsign, Base name, location, IOTA Ref., QSL route plus much additional information and a QSL card image for each Antarctic Base activated in 2004. It can be found at www.mdxc.org/antarctica/activity2004. [TNX IZ8CGS]



Mario Zucchelli Station (I-01)

CDXA • On 9 December the Carolina DX Association (<http://www.cdxo.org>) held its Annual Meeting along with its annual Holiday Party. The following were nominated and elected to serve as officers for the 2005 calendar year: Ted Goldthorpe/W4VHF (President), Tom Wright/N4HN (Vice President), Jim Miller/K4SQR (Secretary/Treasurer), John Scott/K8YC (Newsletter Editor), Joe Simpkins/K4MD (Cluster Manager), Paul Sturpe/W3GQ (Assoc. Cluster Mgr), Wayne Setzer/WB4BXW (Webmaster). [TNX K8YC]

CIS DIPLOMA •

Sponsored by the Scottish-Russian ARS (srars@srars.org) it is for contacts made with amateur radio stations in all 12 countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan). Full rules are available at <http://www.srars.org/webdocs/cis.pdf> [TNX MMODFV]



CIS DX CW CONTEST • The Scottish-Russian ARS (srars@srars.org) sponsors the CIS DX CW Contest, which will be held on 5 December (00.00-24.00 UTC). The objective of the contest is to establish as many CW contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in the Commonwealth of

Independent States. Rules can be found at <http://www.srars.org/cisdxcc.htm> [TNX MMODFV]

DXCC NEWS • The current TN3S operation (effective 15 May 2002) from Congo has been approved for DXCC credit.

EUCW 160M CONTEST • The Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT, the French EUCW society) sponsors the 4th European CW 160 Meter Contest, which will be held on 8 January (20.00-23.00 UTC) and on 9 January (04.00-07.00 UTC). Rules can be found at <http://www.uft.net>, where it also possible to download the software written by F6ENO (visit "Telechargements"). [TNX F5NQL]

GERMAN ISLANDS AND LIGHTHOUSES • The third German Island and Lighthouse Trophy will start on 1 January 2005. Further information at either www.iota-post.com and www.lighthouse-award.de [TNX DL2VFR]

IOTA TOOLS • Francesco Giacola, IZ7AUH has developed two useful IOTA search tools that allow to find the IOTA reference numbers for either the Italian islands valid for the IIA (Italian Islands Award) and the Antarctic bases valid for the Antarctica Award. Both the search tools can be found on our home page (<http://www.425dxn.org>). Comments and suggestions can be sent to iz7auh@tin.it [TNX IZ7AUH]

IREF • The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (<http://www.islandradio.org>) is the only organization dedicated solely to the support of expeditions to rare and new IOTA qualifying islands. In 2004 IREF sponsored XF1K (NA-166), 3XDQZ/p (AF-096), OX/DL2VFR (NA-220), OD5RMK (AS-108), YE1P (OC-237) and OC3I (SA-074). IREF has also committed to support expeditions in 2005 to the Rennell Islands (SA-NEW) and to two rare groups in Mexico (NA-164 and NA-165). The total of expeditions supported in 2004 and committed to in 2005 approaches \$3,000. Donations are welcome (US amateurs please note that contributions are tax deductible as IREF is a 501(c)(3) organization):

you can contribute either with a check or money order made out to IREF (709 Coveney Trail, Boerne, TX 78006, USA) or you can contribute online with your major credit card using the PayPal service through the IREF website. [TNX AD5A]



LIGHTHOUSES • The World Lighthouse Program (WLP) has changed its name to World Lighthouse On The Air (WLOTA) and the entire list of lighthouses is being reviewed and corrected. More details and the rules will be available on their new web site at <http://www.wlota.com>. [TNX DL2VFR]

LOTW • Rob, PA2R has uploaded all the following logs to Logbook of the World (over 350,000 QSOs): 3D2PA (2004), 6Y5/PA3ERC, 6Y5/PA3EWP, 8P9JR, 8P9JS, 8P9JT, 8P9JU, 8Q9RC, 8Q9WP, 9Y4/PA3BBP, 9Y4/PA3ERC, 9Y4/PA3EWP, FG/PA3BBP, FG/PA3ERC, FG/PA3EWP, FG/PA3FQA, FM/PA3BBP, FM/PA3ERC, FM/PA3EWP, FM/PA3FQA, FS/PA3EWP, FS/PA3GCV, FS/PA4EA, FS/PA4WM, FS/PA4WM, FS/PA5ET, HBO/PA3ERC, J3/PA3EWP, J3/PA5ET, J3/PA7FM, J38PA (2001), J6/PA3BBP, J6/PA3ERC, J6/PA3EWP, J75EA, J75ET, J75PA (2002), J75WP, J75ZH, J77C (1996), J79BP, J79QA, J79RC, J79WP, J8/PA3EWP, J8/PA5ET, J8/PA7FM, J8PA (2001), OY7ET, OY7QA, OY7TW, OY7WB, OY7WP, OY8PA (2003), PA2R, PA3ERC, PA5ET, PA63ERC, PJ7/PA3EWP,

PJ7/PA3GCV, PJ7/PA4EA, PJ7/PA4WM, PJ7/PA4WM, PJ7/PA5ET, T30PA (2004), T33PA (2004), TO5C (1996), V26EA, V26ET, V26FM, V26WP, V47CV, V47EA, V47ET, V47WM, V47WM, V47WP, VP2ECV, VP2EEA, VP2EET, VP2EWM, VP2EWM, VP2EWP, VP2MCV, VP2MEA, VP2MET, VP2MPA, VP2MPA, VP2MWM (2002), VP2MWP, VP45/PA3EWP, VP5/PA3BBP, VP5/PA3ERC, VP5/PA3EWP, VP5C (1995), ZF9/ZF2RC and ZF9/ZF2WP. The logs are still open for paper QSL requests. [TNX PA2R]

NOT THE MANAGER • Ron, AC7DX is receiving many QSL requests for KH9/AH8H, but he is not and has never been the manager for this station. Cards should be sent to George Talbot, P.O. Box 45, APO AP 96555-0045, USA.

NOT THE MANAGER • Vlad, UA0ACG is not the manager for JT1JA. He can confirm contacts made on 8-9 September 2002 only. [TNX UA0ACG]

OLOANT • Jarda, OK1FOW reports that his activity from Eco Base (AA OK-01) on Nelson Island [425DXN 711] finished earlier than planned. He was expected to remain in Antarctica until 10 January. Pictures are available at www.mdxc.org/antarctica/oLoant.htm [TNX IZ8CGS]

OPERATORS NEEDED • Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU (www.dxsafari.com) is putting together a team of at least three other operators to operate from Botswana (A2) or Mozambique (C9) in July 2005, IARU contest included. If interested, please contact Frosty at frosty1@pdq.net [TNX K5LBU]

PIRATE • A92Q has been repeatedly pirated on 30 metres, a band which is not authorized in Bahrain. [TNX The Daily DX]

PIRATES • Paulo, CT2ITZ has been repeatedly pirated on the packet cluster in the past few days, typically for spots about VU4RBI and VU4NRO on bands he is not even allowed to operate on. [TNX CT1GFK]

QSL 3D2RK & A35RK • The complete logs for Paul, A35RK (4 May 1994 - 30 November 2004) and 3D2RK (1 July 1997 - 30 November 2004) have been uploaded to the ARRL Logbook of The World, and will be updated monthly. Paul's QSL manager (W7TSQ) will continue to process paper QSL card requests received with sufficient return postage, "but only for initial (first) contact for NEW DXCC or NEW IOTA confirmation. For subsequent QSL requests - for new bands, new modes, contests, 'first time this year', etc - please use LoTW". Bureau cards via W7TSQ, except for duplicate requests, will be answered as usual, about once a year. Questions, comments, sked requests, NIL resolution, etc, go to w7tsq@aol.com [TNX A35RK/3D2RK]

QSL 5NONHD • Peter, JK1UWY/5NONHD is now back in Japan. The Daily DX reports that those who "have been waiting half a year or more for a QSL from his manager (JH8BKL)" may contact Peter (direct only): Hisao P. Noda, 1-1-B909 Sanda-machi, Hachioji, Tokyo, 193-0832 Japan. Please note that he does not QSL for contest QSOs, and that return postage is not required for 160m or 6m QSOs.

QSL 9N7CQ • Bureau cards for 9N7CQ can be requested online at <http://www.d3cb.com/9n7bcc/oqrs/> o by e-mail from the QSL manager, IK2ILH (ik2ilh@libero.it). Please do not send bureau cards if you request a them online or by e-mail. QSLs have been ordered and should be ready in a few weeks. [TNX IV3IYH/9N7CQ]

QSL CW5R • The QSL manager for the 5-11 January operation from Lobos Island (SA-039) [425DXN 710] will be CX2ABC. Latest news will be published at www.dx-men.com [TNX EA5RM]

QSL OC-052 • Direct cards for IT9YRE, I1SNW and IT9EJW's operation from Hereheretue Atoll (OC-052) will be mailed starting on 27 December, to let island chasers receive them before the IOTA annual update deadline. The listings of QSL cards received can be found at <http://www.printed.it/oc052.html>. [TNX IT9YRE]

QSL SU9FL • The QSL manager for Greg, SU9FL is WD9DZV (Timothy M. Garrity, 5407 W. Rosedale Ave., Chicago, IL 60646-6525, USA). He has received the logs and will be sending cards out immediately. Please e-mail wd9dzv@arrl.net for further questions. [TNX WD9DZV]

QSL TZ6JA • The Daily DX reports that JA3EMU is no longer the QSL manager for TZ6JA. Cards should be sent to Makoto Obara, P.O. Box 59, Tama, Tokyo 206-8691, Japan.

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QSL VK4FRI • The Lockyer Valley Radio & Electronics Club are pleased to announce that QSL cards for the IOTA operation from Fraser Island (OC-142) have at long last been sent out. If you are curious as to whether your card was received and answered, please visit the club web site at <http://www.lvrcclub.org> and

follow the link. QSL direct only to P.O. Box 101, Laidley, QLD 4341, Australia. [TNX VK4CEJ]

QSL VK4UC • Kim Larson, daughter of N3SL, is assuming the duties of QSL manager for John, VK4UC. Cards are on order and expected in early January. John has forwarded nearly 4 pounds of cards received via the VK bureau to N3SL for processing. About 50 direct cards also were included, and will be answered at the same time. We ask that those awaiting cards please not send another until the bureau system has had a chance to work. John's logs already have been uploaded into LoTW, and a log search will be available at <http://www.qsl.net/n3sl/manager.htm> [TNX N3SL]

QSL VK9LA & VK9LW • Bill, VK4FW, reports that he is half way through answering cards received. All cards are being done on a "as received by date" basis. Statistics on the operation are available at <http://www.odxg.org>.

QSL VO2AAA • Cards for the recent operation, centered around the CQ WW DX CW Contest, should go to K8DD (Hank Kohl, P.O. Box 88, Attica, MI 48412-9312, USA). [TNX K8DD]

QSL VQ9M • The logbook for operations in 2002 has been uploaded to LOTW. Direct requests (no IRCS please) may still be mailed to WB7OJV. [TNX WB7OJV]

QSL VIA EA7JX • Rod is the QSL manager for AY5FF, CO3JO, D2U, L25FF, L45FF, L59EOC, L73F, LQ0F, LU5FF, LW9EOC, VK3FY, VK3FY/DU8, YN9HAU, YV1DIG, YW1D, YW6P and YX1DIG. Rod says he has not heard from Joao, D2U for six months now, and at the moment he is unable to reply to the QSL requests received.

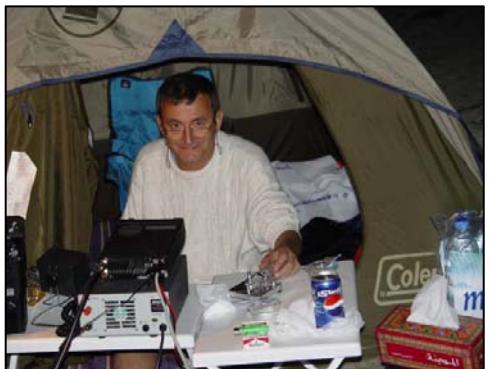
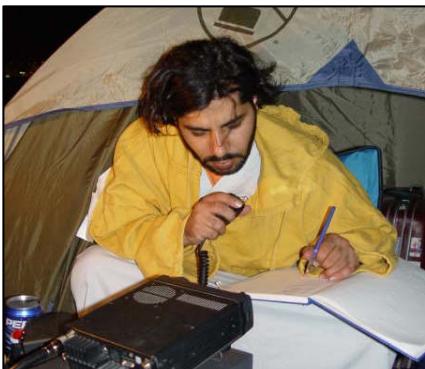
QSL VIA LX1NO • QSL requests for Siggi, TF3CW/TF4CW or any other future TF#CW call should be routed via LX1NO. Siggi is not a member of IRA and he has no QSL cards, so please refrain from sending bureau or direct cards to him. Norby, LX1NO is also the QSL manager for Thomas, OZ1AA. [TNX LX1NO]

S9A & S9BB • The Finnish team logged 24,617 QSOs during the recent operation from Sao Tome. The 89% of the total QSOs was made with Europe (12,686) and North America (9,115). Conditions turned out surprisingly unstable, varying from day to day. The tropical noise came lower at times, allowing the team to make a number of contacts on 160 and 80 metres (221 and 1096

respectively). The log search is up and running at <http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/s9bb/> [TNX OH2BN]

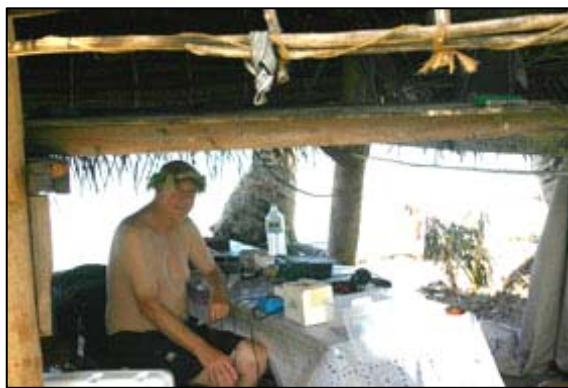
VU4 PROPAGATION CHARTS • Andaman chasers in the US may take advantage of the set of short-path and long-path propagation forecasts between each of the 10 continental US call areas and the Andaman Islands prepared by Dave, AA6YQ (http://www.ambersoft.com/Amateur_Radio/VU4). He has used PropView, which produces a graphical display emulating propagation charts that show likely openings across a 24-hour UTC day. Those outside the US can generate their own forecasts; PropView is free and can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/propview/>

A61AV/p • Sirat Al Khawr (AS-124)



The camp site on the island, Mohammed (A61AV), and Ghis (ON5NT)
Source: <http://www.mdxc.org/a61av-p>

V6O • Pulap Island (OC-155)



Lanny, W5BOS (V6O) and the QSL card for his operation from OC-155 (QSL via N6AWD)
Source: <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage90v6o.htm>

NEWS FROM THE WEB

6 METRES: Matt, OZ6OM collects information on 6m operations and makes it available at <http://www.qsl.net/oz6om/dxnews.html>

AA SCORES: The Antarctica Award Score tables are now available at www.mdxc.org/antarctica/award.asp. They include the first 2 Certificates of Excellence, 7 Honour Rolls, 31 Basic Awards and 3 Operator Certificates issued so far. [TNX IZ8CGS]

AS-124: Pictures of the recent A61AV/p operation from Sirat Al Khawr (AS-124) can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/a61av-p>

ARI CONTEST: The results of the 2004 ARI International DX Contest (1-2 May) can be found at http://www.qsl.net/contest_ari and <http://www.ari.it/> (click on HF and then on Contest). The prizes will be mailed before the end of the year. The rules for the 2005 event, as well as the All Time Records tables, are available on the websites above. [TNX IK2HKT]

CONTEST: An excellent source of information is the Contest Service by Jan Eric Rehn, SM3CER (<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/>)

DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE3UW (ex VE3IRF) has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to November 2004 - is available at www.425dxn.org/dxspots/, as well the software (DXINFO v2.0) which will enable you to handle the files (instructions at the URL above). [TNX IZ7AUH]

GACW: The web site for the Grupo Argentino de CW is at <http://gacw.no-ip.org> (Spanish and English versions). [TNX LU6EF]

LOGS: The HS72B log search is available at <http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/hs72b/news.php>

LOGS: Online logs for FK/IV3FSG (OC-032 / OC-079) and YJ0ASG (OC-035) are available at www.ik3ges.it/iv3fsg.htm. More info on www.qrz.com

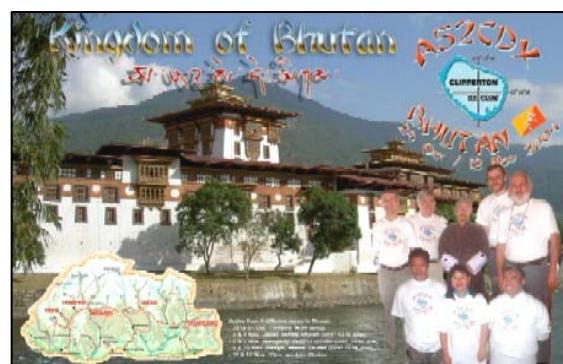
LOGS: On-line logs and pictures of A52CDX (October-November 2004) are available at <http://www.tuduri.net/f5lmj/Bhoutan2004/a52cdx-en.htm> [TNX F5LMJ]

LOGS: A collection of log searches for Antarctic stations can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/log.htm> [TNX IZ8CGS]

PS7AHR: The new web site for the Brazilian Amateur Radio Historical Archive, the only organization in Brazil that is devoted to documenting and preserving the history of amateur radio in that country, is at <http://www.radioamador.org.br> [TNX PS7AB]

QSL DB: Boye Christensen, OZ7C has updated his QSL DBase (which now contains 359,106 unique records) for Packet Cluster. The package can be downloaded at <http://www.qsl.net/oz7c/qsl>. A web based search machine can be found at www.qsl.dk/oz7c [TNX OZ7C, oz7c@qsl.net]

V6O: Information and pictures of the recent V6O operation from Pulap Island (OC-155) by Lanny, W5BOS can be found at <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage90v6o.htm> and www.mdxc.org/v6o



A52CDX (QSL via F9DK)

The special callsign HS72B marks the 72nd birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. QSL via E20NTS.



from Amsterdam to Cairns were we stayed at the airport, packed all equipment in the Cessna and left for Burketown. After refuelling we left for King Ash Bay in the Northern Territory. After a two-hour flight we arrived at King Ash Bay airstrip. The Cessna was anchored to the ground with ropes and steel pins. We left the Cessna there and were taken to North Island in a small boat by Mark, a former bar owner from Sydney who leases the island from the Aboriginal and runs fishing lodges on the island.

North Island (OC-198) is a very beautiful place to visit but very remote, it took us about 2 hours in the boat to get there and everything has to be taken by boat; fuel water, food and all gear. The operation from North Island (OC-198) was difficult and resulted in 337 qso's. There was one good spot for operating and that was on the beach, the generator shed was producing 59+++ noise and the CQWW SSB contest was on. I could only operate from the beach during daylight, there were quite some large salt water crocodiles in the area and the manager told me that it would be very stupid to be on the beach in the dark, focussed on the radio with a headset on. By the time I would hear the splash of the crocodile coming out of the water it would have got me already.

And yes, when we were out on the beach in the night, sunset around 18:00 LT, we could see the pairs of red eyes in the water, pretty scaring. The manager told us that his children used to have a playground close to the beach but they had to remove it when they found out that one crocodile started stalking them. The crocodiles are very smart; they can watch you for months, observe your habits and attack when you don't expect it. There are incidents like that every week in the Northern Territory and the list of crocodile stories is endless. When a crocodile eats someone and they can shoot it, the crocodile is taken to the coroner for examination! Another interesting thing about North Island was the large amount of fossils all over the place.

After the 2-day operation from OC-198 we flew from King Ash Bay to Gove in the Northern Territory. Gove is a bauxite mining community in the Northern Territory. Trevor who runs a fishing and camping business welcomed us. He had arranged the permit for Bremer (OC-185) and was running a very well organized business. We had to camp on Bremer and he had all gear like tents, cooking equipment and a large quantity of very fine food hi.



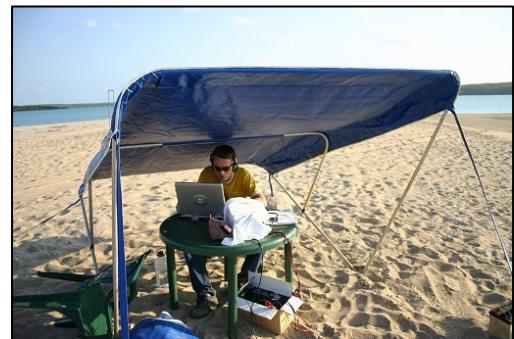
The camp site on Bremer Island

IOTA EXPEDITION TO OC-185, OC-198, OC-227 AND OC-267

by Johan Willemsen, PA3EXX/VK4WWI

After the expedition to Cato Reef in 2003 my Australian friends, John, Stewart and Graham asked me were to go this year. Stewart owns a plane for his HF radio business in Australia, he travels to remote Aboriginal settlements and cattle stations for repairs and installations. The plane is a Cessna 206, based in Cairns and that gave me the idea to visit the islands in the Gulf of Carpentaria. These islands were in the top of the most wanted islands in VK.

After half a year of preparations and arranging permits I flew from the night in John's house. The next morning we went to the airport, packed all equipment in the Cessna and left for Burketown. After refuelling we left for King Ash Bay in the Northern Territory. After a two-hour flight we arrived at King Ash Bay airstrip. The Cessna was anchored to the ground with ropes and steel pins. We left the Cessna there and were taken to North Island in a small boat by Mark, a former bar owner from Sydney who leases the island from the Aboriginal and runs fishing lodges on the island.



The operating site on North Island

I was working from the beach again; propagation was fine which resulted in 1080 qso's. Solar panels and a small generator charged the battery. The only problem was the heat, it was about 40 °C and I was eaten alive by sand fleas and mosquitos. Stupid, I should have taken my mosquito net. The one inhabitant of the island visited us, a young Aboriginal male wearing shorts, a boomerang and spears, accompanied by his dogs. After we gave him some orange juice he left and we did not see him back again.

During the day there was no propagation and it was too hot to move a muscle but when sunset started 14 MHz opened and it was great, working from the beach watching the sunset and enjoying the pile-up. A lot of people complain about the mess some expeditions get themselves into during a pile-up, but I must say that it is all up to you. When you start running split from the

start and work by number it is no problem, but you have to be strict, don't take one's when you are working two's and that is sometimes difficult when you hear a good friend calling.

The Japanese operators are very disciplined and when working Japan I could work 4 SSB qso's a minute, with Europe 2-3 qso's. After a good operation from OC-185 we went back to Gove airport for the flight to **Sweers Island (OC-227)**.

On Sweers Island I was going to visit my friend **Lyn, VK4SWE**. She is a resident and runs a lodge with her husband Tex. Lyn had received her license about a month earlier and we managed to work on cw and ssb from Europe, together with Roger, G3KMA and Steve G0IUH. After a beautiful three-hour flight over the Gulf of Carpentaria we arrived at Sweers Island and were welcomed by Lyn and Tex.



Johan and Lynn, VK4SWE

Sweers Island is named after Salomon Sweers from Holland who used to work for the VOC in Batavia around 1600. We operated from the restaurant on the island and made 469 qso's. The island is a place with a rich history; it was visited by Matthew Flinders who circumnavigated OC-001, naming it Australia. Another phenomenon is the Morning Glory, it is a rolling cloud, which only seems to appear in the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Gulf of Mexico.

During the second day of the stay I did a radio interview for about 10 minutes on ABC radio explaining about HAM radio and the IOTA program. It was broadcasted throughout the Eastern half of Australia. After an hour we received a phone call from VK4ISA, Bruce living in Mount Isa and we managed to have a qso on 7 MHz.

Lyn will improve her antenna situation during the coming year and is quite active so you should be able to work her sooner or later. After this activation we flew back to Cairns.

I left John, Stewart and Graham in Cairns and left for Mackay were I would leave for Marion Reef on the Wyllaway. The flight went fine; the 30 kilograms overweight were no problem, thank you Quantas, and the next day we left for Marion Reef. The Wyllaway carried 12 sports fishers and 2 crew and was accompanied by 2 game fishing boats, the Marlin Blue and Black Samurai.

After an astonishing 220 miles of sailing through the Coral Sea we anchored closed to the weather station on Careela Cay in **Marion Reef (OC-267)**.

This trip was a walk in the park comparing to the trip we did last year to Cato. The sea was flat, the weather was very nice and I remember seeing a lot of reefs close by. My travel mates were a group of mixed people, 3 heart surgeons from Brisbane, 5 welders who owned a company producing equipment for abattoirs and a guy working on a submarine. We had a lot of fun and the jokes being told are not suitable for this article hi. The heart surgeons had bought the complete stock of a liquor store, just for this trip, make's you think hi. But every night we have a wonderful dinner with very good wines! We did eat fish for a week, but it was fresh.



Marion Reef



The Wyllaway is very well equipped for an expedition like this. The skipper took me every afternoon to the reef in a dingy with charged batteries, food and water. I did have a VHF handy talky with me for emergencies. On the reef was a solar powered weather station providing a nice shade. I operated from there surrounded by thousands of birds. When the sunset started I could see the dorsal fins of the sharks hunting in the lagoon and when we sailed to the reef in the dingy it was like being in a large fish tank with thousands of fish, coral, sea snakes and turtles.

I slept for two nights on the reef when the sea was too rough for the dinghy to pick me up in the dark. That was special, the sky is covered with thousands of stars and there is nobody out there. I

was only bothered by a huge turtle who wanted to lay her eggs were my vertical was, I had to remove it because the turtle is very strong and I was afraid she would damage the wires. But I had the chance to see her dig a five-feet hole and lay her eggs which took her about three hours. After that she disappeared back into the sea and came back the next day.

Marion Reef resulted in 1485 qso's. Propagation was bad because of the Aurora Australis. South America was a disaster because the path is over the South Pole. However I did manage to work Pedro, HK3JJH, after he asked for a sked by calling a Japanese friend of him, that was a nice set-up. North America was also difficult but during the one good opening, which lasted for 30 minutes, a lot of my friends were there like W5BOS, WD8MGQ and KB5GL etcetera. They had been looking for me for four days, but it shows that being on the right time on the right frequency finally pays off.

After the Marion Reef expedition I went back home processing the qsl's and validation paperwork. This year I have send simple plain qsl's because I wanted to qsl fast for the honour roll update, but I'm not sure I will do that again. The colour qsl's are much nicer; any comments on this will be appreciated!

Hope to work you all next year from OC-NEW,

73's

Johan, PA3EXX & VK4WWI



Bremer Island (OC-185)



Sweers Island (OC-227)



The weather station on Marion Reef



Overflying the Northern Territory

QSL ROUTES

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3D2FI	G0UIH	HC8N	W5UE	TM0TLT	F5KLJ
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4K7Z	UA3FDX	HP1XX	DJ0LZ	TM9TLT	F6KUC
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5B4AHH	RA3AMG	HS0ZDY	SM6CVM	TO4A	VE3HO
5K5Z	K7ZD	HS0ZFA	DJ4ER	TZ6JA	JA3EMU
5U5Z	G3SXW	HS72B	E20NTS	UA0SR	W3HNK
5Z4DZ	PC1A	IG9A	IT9GSF	UA0ZDA/6	UA6HPR
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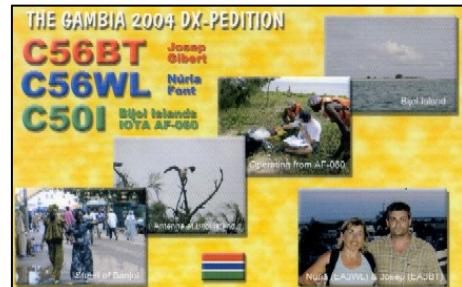
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CO3JO	EA7JX	OH9SCL	OH9UV	VK3FY	EA7JX
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CT3AS	DJ8FW	ON60M	ON4AYL	XF3CC	XF3RCC
CV5D	CX2ABC	OY3QN	OZ1ACB	XF3T	XE1KK
CX2AQ	EA5KB	P4/K9UK	WF9V	YA/EA4FAS	EA4FAS
D2U	EA7JX	P4/WG9J	WF9V	YA5Y	DL5SE
ED1NDC	EA1FFE	P40K	WM6A	YA7X	DL1JJ1
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IOTA NEWS

by

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*We wish all our readers and their families
a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous
New Year 2005*

ANNUAL UPDATE



The last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2005 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 1 February 2005. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year. Listing in the tables is restricted to those members who have updated their scores at least once in the previous five years. In the case of the 2005 tables this means since the 2000 annual listings. If you wish to remain listed, check to see that you qualify and, if not, make a submission on or before 1 February 2005. The tables will appear on the RSGB IOTA website in the Spring.

Don't forget. Shortly after compiling the 2005 tables the IOTA Committee will implement the second part of the Conversion Exercise schedule drawn up at the time of the major island listings revision in year 2000 and withdraw credit for contacts with a small number of islands that have been found not to meet IOTA qualification criteria. If you have not done so already, check your records for the IOTA groups concerned - these have been listed in an annex in the IOTA Directory since 2002 - to see if you need to resubmit, or send replacement, cards to your checkpoint.

IOTA AND ANTARCTIC BASES

The Mediterraneo DX Club's Antarctica Award Directory is the official source of information for the IOTA Programme on Antarctic Base stations. It acts as an extension of the IOTA Directory, providing the IOTA reference number as well as a wealth of detailed historical information on each base. The Directory is downloadable from the MDXC website at <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/>. Answers to questions about the Antarctic Award Programme can be found on the FAQ page on their website.

UPDATE OF DATA IN IOTA DIRECTORY - 40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

• NEW IOTA REFERENCE NUMBERS ISSUED

AF-095 TJ Cameroon group (Cameroon)
OC-267 VK9 Coral Sea Islands Territory North (Australia)

• PROVISIONAL IOTA REFERENCE NUMBER AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

AS-170/Pr ROI Shelikhova Bay group, Magadanskaya Oblast (Russian Federation - Asia)

• OPERATIONS WHICH HAVE PROVIDED ACCEPTABLE VALIDATION MATERIAL

AF-037	9L1MS/P	Banana Islands (December 2004)
AF-095	TJ3MC/P	Mondoleh Island (April 2004)
AS-059	RZ0IWZ/P	Nedorazumeniya Island (July 2004)
AS-124	A61AV/P	Sirat Al Khawr Island (December 2004)
EU-159	F5JOT/P	Cordouan Island (August 2004)
EU-159	F5LGQ/P	Cordouan Island (August 2004)
OC-017	T30T	Tarawa Island (October/November 2004)
OC-028	V7/K7ZZ	Kwajalein Atoll, Ralik Chain (Oct/Nov 2004)
OC-029	V7/K7ZZ	Majuro Atoll, Ratak Chain (October 2004)
OC-052	FO/I1SNW	Hereheretue Isld, Duke of Gloucester Isls (Sept 2004)
OC-052	FO/IT9EJW	Hereheretue Isld, Duke of Gloucester Isls (Sept 2004)
OC-052	FO/IT9YRE	Hereheretue Isld, Duke of Gloucester Isls (Sept 2004)
OC-058	FK/KM9D	Huon Island, D'Entrecasteaux Reefs (September 2004)

OC-079	FK/KF4TUG	Pott Island, Belep Islands (September 2004)
OC-155	V6O	Pulap Island, West Chuuk group (October 2004)
OC-185	VK4WWI/8	Bremer Island (November 2004)
OC-198	VK4WWI/8	North Island (October 2004)
OC-227	VK4WWI	Sweers Island (November 2004)
OC-227	VK4SWE	Sweers Island (resident)
OC-267	VK4WWI/P	Marion Reef, Coral Sea Islands Territory (Nov 2004)
SA-020	FY/F5AHO/P	Royale Island, Salut Islands (November 2004)

Note: This list includes operations where validation material was volunteered, ie not specifically required for credit to be given. In all cases, cards now submitted will be accepted by Checkpoints if they meet normal standards. This means that the island name should be printed on the card.

**• OPERATIONS FROM WHICH VALIDATION MATERIAL IS AWAITED
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004**

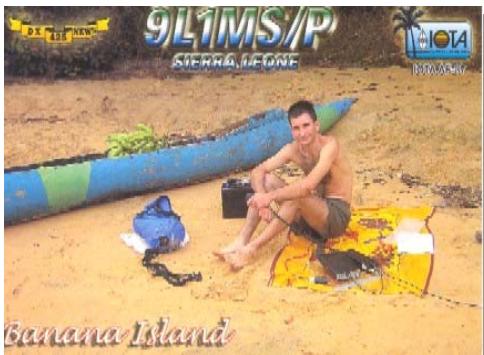
AS-021	A61Q/P	Siniyah Island (December 2004)
AS-170/Pr	RIOIMA	Matykil' Island (June/July 2004)
NA-200	XF3T	Tamalcab Island (December 2004)

OC-223 VI2MI Montague Island (August 2004)

Note: Checkpoints are not authorised to credit QSL cards for an operation where validation is required.

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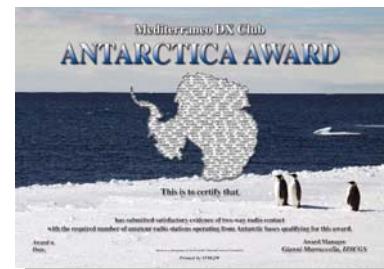
Antarctica Award Scores

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2	UA3-147-412	Eugene Shelkanovtcev	50
3	IK2QPR	Paolo Fava	31
4	JN3SAC	Yano Takashi	27
5	9A4A	Zlatko Stepic	26
	HB9BVV	Franz Stutz	26
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8	DJ3XG	Ruediger Elm	25
	ON4CAS	Egbert Hertsen	25
10	RZ3EC	Eugene Shelkanovtcev	22
11	I7RIZ	Gianni Rizzi	18
12	9A2WJ	Milan Drlic	16
13	9A3SM	Mato Samardzic	15
14	IK1AVW	Lorenzo Talenti	14
15	9A5T	Mladen Katic	13
16	9A2JK	Martin Svaco	12
17	HA1RW	Tamas Kocsandi	11
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	EA5ERY	Angel Rafael Garcia	10
	I2MQP	Mario Ambrosi	10
22	HA9PP	Istvan Szecsi	9
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	JN3QVC	Hiroshi Furuie	9
25	IK1NLZ	Paolo Garavaglia	8
	IZ8CCW	Antonio Cannataro	8
	PY2DBU	Helio Carlota	8
28	HA1RB	Janos Biczo	7
	IK2SGB	Abele Castelli	7
	KT4BW	Peter A. Tiffany	7
31	G3KMA	Roger Balister	6
	I1ZL	Livio Zenti	6
	IK3ASM	Remigio Pressi	6
	IZ8BGY	Giuseppe Molinari	6
	IZ8KHC	Agostino Cannataro	6
	K6JRY	Gerald T. Plemmons	6
37	G3ZAY	Martin Atherton	5
	I5-4063	Alex Graziani	5
	IK1ADH	Valeria Pregliasco	5
	IK1JJB	Giovanni Cantarella	5
	IK1WGX	Luca Zanelli	5
	IK1XPK	Claudio Bianco	5
	IK2MDX	Angelo Rossi	5
	IZ8CGS	Gianni Marruccella	5

The Antarctica Award has also been issued to the following operators for their past activities from the Antarctic continent

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IK0AIH	Filippo Corbelli
SP5QF	Voytek Fidryk



Latest update 31 December 2004

175 Years of Independence of Belgium

To celebrate the 175th year of independence of Belgium, Belgian HAMs may use the special prefix OO instead of ON during the year 2005. The UBA takes part in the celebrations by issuing this official commemorative award.

All HAMs and SWLs worldwide are invited to qualify for this certificate by contacting stations using the OO prefix between January 1st and December 31st 2005.

A sum of at least 175 points are required for the award.

QSO points value	Belgian stations	Other Europeans	Stations outside Europe
Phone	3	5	6
RTTY, SSTV, PSK31 and other digital modes	4	6	7
CW	5	7	8

QSOs via terrestrial repeaters, in Packet Radio and Echolink do not count for this award. Belgian stations using another prefix than the commemorative OO prefix do not count for the certificate.

The same OO station can be worked on each band

The following eight endorsement stickers are available:

- "OO" for working at least 4 different OO prefixes on HF or 6 on VHF/UHF
- "WARC" for collecting at least 175 points using exclusively the WARC bands
- "Top Band" for collecting at least 175 points using exclusively on 160m
- "Single Band" for collecting at least 175 points using any single band other than 160m
- "CW" for collecting at least 175 points using exclusively in CW mode
- "Single Mode" for collecting at least 175 points using any single mode other than CW
- "UBA Contest" for collecting at least an additional 175 points using during the UBA contests (i.e. 350 points in total are needed for this endorsement)
- "175 Bonus" for each 175 extra points collected

More than one endorsement sticker may be applied for.

Send log extract before March 31st 2006 together with the award fee of 5 Euro (Belgian applicants) or 7 Euro/\$9 (for stations outside Belgium) to the UBA Award Manager:

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